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Crusade Conferences Coming

By Mrs. H. C. Olds

The Educational Division is planning to make its thrust in the Crusade next October. It is to be in the form of coaching conferences in which a state team of four members will be at each coaching conference. These four members will each of them have a specific responsibility: one for Missionary Education; one for Leadership Training; one for Sunday School Expansion; and one for the Christian Home.

The Coaching Conference will consist of four people from each church within the coaching conference area, each one of them having a specific responsibility the same as the team leaders. In the course of the conference each one of the team leaders will gather all the members of the conference who represent the same responsibility as himself and go over with them very thoroughly the matter of achievement of the particular goal, or goals, within that responsibility.

In preparation for this the state teams met together in a Briefing Meeting that was led by a national leader where they were instructed in the matter of conducting the coaching conferences.

The State Educational Committee has taken the responsibility of setting up these meetings and arrangnig the teams. They are planning for two teams to care for seven coaching conferences. The coaching conferences will be held in October, the definite dates are not yet set. The briefing meeting for the state teams was held on January 16 at the Portland First Church. J. D. Montgomery was the leader of this meeting.

Week of Compassion

February 15-22, 1948

The Week of Compassion is our expression of Christian fellowship to the destitute peoples of Europe and Asia. The need is appalling. People are hungry and starving; they are cold and freezing; they are sick from malnutrition. Dare we withhold in the land of plenty? Last year 62 Oregon churches gave $16,399.14. These churches should give as much as last year; and the 88 other churches should give something. It ought not to be difficult for Oregon churches to give $20,000 this year. Remember two things: First, Every dollar reaches its destination; and Second, this offering will apply on your Crusade goal.

Youth Convention

The youth convention at Dallas, December 5, 6, was very successful in every way. There were 85 young people and 21 adult youth leaders registered. Dr. Leake thrilled the young people with three messages on "Witnessing for Christ." Mrs. E. R. Moon delighted them with her stories of missionary life. Delvon held their rapt attention while she portrayed the Oslo convention of youth last summer. It was a wholesome, spiritual meeting, and they unanimously expressed a desire for it to be repeated.

Parkrose Christian Church

The city of Portland is expanding in all directions. Go whichever way you will you will find sections that are very insufficiently churched. For a long time the preachers in Portland had discussed the urgency of expanding our horizons in this city. The matter was finally brought to a head last spring by the organization of "The Joint Board of the Christian Churches of Greater Portland." Greater Portland was defined to mean the metropolitan area and any of the nearby churches were eligible to join.

A committee was appointed to survey the field and recommend a location for a new church. One was found in Northeast Portland where the expanding city is leaving a wide open field. A site was found at N. E. Prescott and 116th Steets. The State Board purchased for the site with centennial funds. The churches composing the Joint Board underwrote the construction of a $20,000 church house, and signed up notes therefor. The Board of Church Erection loaned $15,000 and made a grant of $1,500. An architect was employed to draw up plans, and a contractor began work on it. The project is now well under way and will be ready for dedication on February 29.

Elery Parrish has been employed as evangelist. He is busy now surveying the field for prospects. As soon as the building is dedicated he will commence a meeting to run until Easter.

PARKROSE CHURCH

He is meeting with encouragement in the survey and confidently expects to organize with 100 members.

Owing to increasing costs of materials the original estimate will be exceeded. There are many things that will not be covered by that. The Joint Board is asking the churches of the State to observe "Parkrose Day" on January 25 and send a contribution to one or more of the following items:

Pews (about 220 feet)	$1200.00
50 chairs	250.00
Piano	300.00
Aisle carpet	375.00
Song books	50.00

If you will observe the day with an offering for these purposes send it to Elery Parrish, 11437 N. E. Prescott, Portland 13, Oregon.

Northwestern Christian Home

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't.

Mrs. Judson Brown, who died on November 26, 1947, was the last of the ten guests who came from the Eugene unit of Northwestern Christian Home to the new Home in Beaverton in 1939. She and Brother Brown entered the Home in 1935 after he had served over 50 years in the ministry. She was the first, and the last, of that group to go. Only one remains of the 13 who came from Walla Walla.

Our most recent guests is Miss Lida Frank who came on December 10. She is a sister of Graham Frank, nationally known in the work of the church for many years.

The birthdays of our new guests are: Miss Agnes Miller, November 4; Miss Sarah Miller, February 26; Miss Lida Frank, February 17.

Some repairs and replacements are necessary when buildings and equipment are subject to constant use. Five rooms have been redecorated, some furniture has been re-upholstered. A new washing machine and a new ironer have been purchased.

Many generous contributions of food supplies have helped to hold down the cash cost of living for our large family. In spite of increased prices on practically everything the cost of maintaining Northwestern Christian Home during 1947 has been held down to about the same as 1946. The cash value of material donations for the first 11 months of 1947 totalled $182.37 more than those of the correspnoding months of 1946.

The record of contributions in money is not so good. The five months of July to November have brought $395.14 less than the same months last year. This is written while we are watching incoming Christmas offerings with the hope that they will make up the shortage.

Christmas is always a pleasant day for our Family. All except Mrs. Royce were able to enjoy the festivities of the day. Our guests are grateful for the Christian generosity which makes their home a house of plenty in a world so full of want.

The New Year 1948 comes to a world wracked by pain, gaunt with hunger, shivering in cold and nakedness, dark with fear and hate. There is a light shining in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out. That light sends beams of love, kindness and Christian helpfulness everywhere. They shine with their brightest glow in our benevolent Homes for children and the aged.

The year 1948 will be a year of advancement in our benevolent work.

Construction is in progress for enlargement of the Emliy E. Flinn Home for the Aged, at Marion, Indiana, and in the first building in the new Lenoir Memorial Home, a pay home for the aged at Columbia, Missouri. Plans are ready for enlargement in Texas and in preparation for a new cottage at Colorado Christian Home in Denver.

Our 12 Homes which served the total family of over 1,200 last year will serve as well this year.—Walter L. Myers, Field Representative.

Liston Parrish

The death of Liston Parrish on Christmas Day came as a shock to his many friends. He was pastor at Weiser, Idaho, but was formerly at Coquille. As a student he ministered at Woodburn. He had played basket ball on Monday night previous to Christmas, and came home not feeling well. The next day he was worse, but the illness was thought to be only a form of flu. On Christmas day he became still worse and the doctor suspected polio. He was ordered at once to the hospital at Boise, but the end came before reaching there. He had been at Weiser only a few months but had left his impress not only on that town, but on the entire valley. His wife, Kay, and two small children are left to mourn him. It is comforting to know that he was in the pension fund. The funeral service was conducted at Weiser with Emil Helseth, Ontario, bringing the words of comfort and assisted by Paul DeF. Mortimore, state secretary of Idaho. The sympathy of an entire state goes out to Kay and the little ones.

Mrs. Laura Torgerson

The telephone message on Wednesday morning, December 31, saying, "Laura passed away this morning," was unbelievable; but it proved true. She had taken ill the night before and died in the hospital the next morning. She was wife of Wilbur Torgerson, formerly pastor of the churches at Milton, Sellwood, and St. Johns, now in the Pullman service. Beside her husband she leaves a son, Paul. She was the grand-daughter of J. A. Lord, a nationally known preacher and editor among us. It was in that home, where Laura was reared, that we first met her as a little girl. The friendship begun then has grown with the years. She had been chairman of our State Children's Committee for several years. The heartfelt sympathy of a multitude of friends will go out to Wilbur and Paul.

L. W. Amick

Brother L. W. Amick died at The Dalles on December 20. He was a Christian man, evidencing his Christian character with good works rather than with his lips. He was a strong supporter of the little church at Kent for many years, but recently was with the church at The Dalles. He was a good friend to State Missions. He leaves a wife and one daughter.

Mrs. Mary Townsend

Sister Townsend died at her home in Salem in early December. She was a member of First Church and was loyal in its appointments. She is survived by her husband, Ed Townsend. Our sympathy goes to him.

Pastors' Conference

The annual pastors' Conference, sponsored by the Oregon Council of Churches is to be held in the Presbyterian Church in Salem, February 9-11. Myron Cole is a member of the program committee. Gilbert Christian is the executive secetary of the Council. Henry Sloan Coffin will be the guest speaker for the conference.

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Notice: Items for the Oregon Christian should reach the editor's desk not later than the 1st day of the month to insure publication.

Waste Paper

Here is a brand new waste paper drive. It is in the interest of economy, and we are urging you to save paper. We paused by the table in the lobby of one of our strong churches the other day and noticed a bunch of Oregon Christians just one month old. Unashamedly we counted them. There were 65 papers unused out of 100 that goes to that church. 65 papers wasted. Those papers cost the publishing committee more than one cent each. 65 cents wasted! That same month we had to order extra papers from the printer, at extra cost, to fill the subscription orders. That means we had to pay $1.65 more that month that we would have needed to do if those papers were not wasted. If you are getting a bundle of papers won't you see that they are put out in the hands of the people? Do not depend upon laying them on a table and announcing they are there. They will still be there when the church is emptied. Cut down your order to the amount you can distribute, then distribute them. Join the waste paper drive!

National Convention

The national convention of Disciples of Christ will be held in San Francisco September 25-30, 1948. Hubert Sias, president of the State Board, and C. F. Swander, secretary of the State Board, attended a meeting of the convention committee in San Francisco on December 9. More than 250 church leaders were present. The committee is giving attendance goals to all the convention areas on the coast. Oregon has been assigned a goal of 1,000. The State Board will consider this goal and make pronouncement concerning it. But you will hear more about this later on.

A New Architect

The Boafd of Church Extension announces that A. F. Wickes, long known as the brotherhood architect, is retiring and Charles J. Betts will hereafter assume that position. As such his services will be available to our churches for building plans, remodelling, or consultation. His advisory service is free; a charge is made only when it is necessary for him to visit the field.

BURNS—1 baptism and 5 by statement in November. Milton Bower, pastor. The state secretary visited them December 28.

MILWAUKIE—3 baptisms and 2 otherwise in October and November. Wayne Jensen is pastor.

Financial

December, 1947

CHURCHES: Bend, $25; Burns, $26; Coquille, $39.27; Dayton, $50; Enterprise, $35; Falls City, $3; Hood River, $38.50; Kern Park, $10.42; La Grande, $50; Mallory Avenue, $100.53; No. Bend, $30; Nyssa, $10; Ontario, $26.50; Pendleton, $94.32; Roseburg, $156.50; Silverton, $25; St. Helens, $50; Salem First, $33.33; Tillamook, $49.40; Vernonia, $16.66. Total, $869.43.

SCHOOLS: Astoria, $21; Corvallis, $25; Creswell, $22.13; Franklin, $17.50; Gladstone, $15; Heppner, $20.50; Hillsboro, $137.20; Dallas, $37.50; Medford, $100; Milwoukie, $10.85; Eugene First, $148.86; Milton, $31.57; Sheridan, $6.07. Total, $593.18.

WOMEN'S GROUPS: Astoria, $25; Grants Pass, $23.10. Total, $48.10.

YOUTH GROUPS: Kern Park, $1.25.

INDIVIDUUALS: Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Baxter, Ashland, $10; B. Ross Evans, Odell, $10; Elbert Gardner, Mallory Ave., $90; Gerald Richardson, $6; Jacob H. Wilson, The Dalles, $25; Frank Wallace Zook, Baker, $5. Total $140.

S. O. CONFERENCE: Courtney Swander, $7.50.

PERMANENT FUND: Interest, $70-.79; Principal, $91.65.

1947 wound up with a fine record. The state offerings are now ahead of last year on December 31. This is as it should be for the budget is heavier than last year. Our thanks to the churches, schools, other groups and individuals who have stood so royally behind our Oregon work. Let the good work continue.

Preachers' Parliament

This is the last notice we can give of the Preachers' Parliament, at Eugene, January 20-22. A good program is being arranged and the Eugene folk will again offer bed and breakfast. Better let Ross J. Griffeth know you are coming so you can be provided for. Sleeping space in Eugene is crowded.

1947 Year Book

The 1947 Year Book may be expected from the press any day. This issue has cost $1,000 more to print than in 1946. Therefore an increase in price has been necessary. Paper bound, $2.00; cloth bound, $2.50. Send for a copy to The International Convention, 516 K. of P. Bldg., Indianapolis 4, Indiana.

TURNER—4 baptisms and 3 by transfer in November. The building will be repaired and the parsonage fixed up. Freeman Yardley is pastor.

BAKER—4 baptisms in November. There have been 124 baptisms in 4 years and 8 months; 74 otherwise. There is $1,284 in the treasury with no debts. Frank W. Zook, pastor.

Available Date

B. Ross Evans has one available date—April 18 to May 9. If any church desires this date they may get in touch with either Brother Evans or the State Secretary. Do it now for there will be a scramble for it.

Alton Brostrom

C. Alton Brostrom closed a successful meeting at Halfway on December 21. There were 4 additions, but the big result, according to an elder, was on the morale of the church. They will soon be settled with a new pastor and we expect big news from there.

Northwest Christian College

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jesus gave no formal definition of "Blessed." He described blessed people. Some of His descriptive phrases are still startling if we pause long enough to capture their meaning.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit." Is it true that the self-satisfied, the confident, the boastful, the 'rich in spirit' are not blessed? This is the inference. Those who claim to have all the answers generally are desperately wishing that they really could get even most of the answers correctly.

The poor in spirit are those who do not have all the answers and know they do not. They are the men and women who patiently work in research laboratories and usher in new discoveries. They are the students of worth. They are the devout men who never cease to seek through worship, prayer and study a more intimate knowledge of God.

In the class rooms at N. C. C. as in all educational institutions, the blessed are those who sincerely seek to learn. Since most N. C. C. students belong in this group we dare to believe that even the school as a whole, which continually seeks the best way to train Christian leaders, may receive the blessing of our Lord.

N. W. Preachers' Parliament

Remember the dates: January 20, beginning at 7:30 p. m., through January 22, closing about 9:15 p. m.

Reservations are in from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah. We could not go beyond this area in extending invitations but expect some visitors from other states.

Crusade

Several contributions to the Crusade for a Christian World have been received by N. C. C. All financial receipts which come to N. C. C., designated Crusade, will be used for new buildings. To count on the Crusade contributions must be so designated.

Remember, Crusade giving is to be over and above regular giving. New buildings will be useful only if we have a continuing vigorous program.

Builders

The construction of the new heating plant at N. C. C. was carried on by a student, Clyde Blakely, while he took almost a full college course. Competent critics praise both the workmanship and the economy in cost.

James Carothers and John Myers have done a large share of the construction work on the West Eugene church which is now essentially complete. This new structure which might well serve as a pattern for other small church buildings cost about $6,000, but is easily worth $10,000.

Several other students have made significant contributions to the erection or repair of church buildings while carrying on regular class work at N. C. C. No wonder the hymn, "We Would Be Builders," enjoys popularity on the campus.

Veterans

Sixty-five N. C. C. students received benefits through the Veterans Administration during the fall term. Some new veterans are enrolling for the winter term. N. C. C.'s relation with the Veterans Administration have been pleasant even though we get a bit impatient as we wait so long to get payment for services rendered.

Easter Evangelism

Requests for N. C. C. talent for the Easter season have been coming in. All faculty members have received numerous calls for service and arrangements have been concluded with specific congregations by most of them. Now is the time to send in your request. Most students will be able to help in meetings only one week, March 21-28.

Colleges

There are 1,753 colleges and universities in the U. S. A. according to the U. S. Office of Education. 1,752 are not giving special attention to training Christian leaders, but N. C. C. is.

Opportunity

Several Christian young people whose major work is being taken at the University of Oregon in various fields of interest are finding time to take at least one Bible course at N. C. C., and all speak highly of the instruction they receive. Parents who have children attending the U. of O. should call this opportunity to their attention.

Eugene First

J. O. McCready, long time member of First Church, left the bulk of his estate to religion. A check has gone for nearly $50,000 to the C. W. B. M. That is the old women's organization which merged into the United Society. This is an example to others who have estates to will.

HEPPNER

Gene Chamberlain, state evangelist, closed a meeting December 21 with 4 baptisms, 1 by statement, and 1 reconsecration. Joe Jewett is the pastor. Brother Chamberlain goes to Dayton next.

ROSEBURG

The church has bought a new parsonage for $13,500 and the pastor, Kenneth Knox, has moved into it. It has 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Evidently there is a "prophet's chamber." 6 baptisms and 4 others added in November. Sunday School is up to 300.

SALEM FIRST

The Sunday School reached an attendance of 500 on December 7—160 more than on the same Sunday last year. On December 14 there was 1 confession and 6 by transfer. (Keep up that growth, Dudley, and you will have to get busy on the new building.—Ed.)

PORTLAND FIRST

The First Church in Portland has launched a parsonage project. It is located in Eastmoreland and the cost was $13,500. The house that was rented for Brother Cole was put up for sale. This makes 63 churches that now have parsonages.

MILL CITY

In the year's ministry of Lloyd Whitford there have been 30 baptisms and 8 added by statement; the church room has been repaired, the interior decorated, and a new stove put in the parsonage. E. R. Moon is scheduled for a meeting in February. Brother Whitford has resigned to accept a call to Burns beginning February 1.

CULVER — The church is growing by leaps and bounds. 114 in Sunday School on December 14. The Redmond Church has bought a small building and Brother Fairfield moved it by truck to Culver and it will be used for expansion room. Wayne Osborne, pastor.

Ninety and Nine Evangelist Busy

By Ed P. Dewees

Evangelist Clyde Freeman put in a very busy month to bring 1947 to a close. He started his work as interim pastor at Detroit on Sunday, November 30, continuing through December 28. Bible School attendance there averaged 61; two C. E. groups were organized; and a prayer-meeting was begun. A junior church was also started. Clyde made a survey of the Detroit-Idanha area in preparation for a meeting which is planned for February. Arlo Bristow, of Eugene, will supply the pulpit during January.

In the days when Brother Freeman was in Eugene he found time to put in some nine days labor on the West Side chapel in preparation for its dedication on January 4. On that day he will begin an evangelistic campaign there. Besides these activities he found time to order printing for the evangelistic work and to attend the McKenzie and Willamette District rallies where he reported on the needs and opportunities of the Detroit field. His correct mail address is now 1905 Arthur St., Eugene.

Central Oregon Elects

The Central Oregon Ninety and Niners held a business meeting and election of officers during the Fifth Sunday Assembly of the Central Oregon Christian Churches at Sisters, November 30. Those elected were: R. A. (Bob) Breckenbridge, of Bend, president; Kenneth Green, of Madras, vice-president; Jess Minson, of Powell Butte, secretary; and Wilbur Woolhiser, Sr., of Redmond, treasurer. It was decided to hold a Ninety and Nine rally at Bend during January. Incidentally, the program and attendance of the Fifth Sunday Assembly proved to be one of the best of the year with every church being represented and fine reports made on progress for Christ.

The Dalles Men Hosts

On December 2 a Mid-Columbia District Rally was held at The Dalles with the men serving the pot-luck dinner. Officers elected for the new fiscal year included R. W. Douglass, of The Dalles, president; A. T. "Pink" Owen, of The Dalles, vice-president; and Paul Benedict, of Dufur, secretary-treasurer pro. tem. Since the meeting was held on the regular date of The Dalles local meeting there officers were elected prior to the district election with Douglass and Owen being chosen as president and vice-president respectively. Charles Anderson was elected secretary-treasurer for the local group. A discussion of the possible location of a boys camp in the Mid-Columbia area was opened by the district officers and a committee, consisting of Glenn Warner, George Kaseberg, and Mel Patton, was appointed to look into the matter of camp sites and to bring a report at the next rally. $106.03 was turned in toward the state budget from the district.

Coburg Entertains Rally

The regular district rally of the McKenzie Ninety and Nine was held at Coburg on December 15 The meeting opened with a pot-luck dinner, Willie White giving thanks for the food. Following the dinner Dr. Burnett led a song service in his usual inspiring way, being assisted by Mr. Lester Hulen at the piano. State President Olds gave the opening prayer, following which the business meeting was held. The roll call revealed 59 present. Reports were given by Clyde Freeman and this writer on the state work. Interesting reports were also made by Mr. Harter, Mr. Maxfield, and Mr. Nesmith, of Eugene First Church, on the visitation evangelism crusade held by the church. Humorous demonstrations of their approach to strange doors provided several good laughs, but the fruit of the campaign proved its value.

Special music was played on an instrument called a "recorder" by Mr. Joel Franz, of Fall Creek, preceding presentation by program chairman Wm. Siefke of Holly Roy Jarvis, of Lebanon, as guest speaker. Brother Jarvis brought a timely message on the imperative of soul wnining. Vic Hershiser pronounced the benediction. The next rally is planned for the Westside church in Eugene, Feb. 16.

S. W. District Plans

The regular Southwestern District rally was held at Myrtle Point on December 15. Plans were laid for a meeting at Coquille on January 19 with boys over 10 as special guests. The purpose of the meetnig will be to develop interest for the 1948 Boys' Camp at Bridge. Other districts might take note of the foresight of these brethren. Boys do not go to our Christian Boys Camps just because we sponsor them—it is part of our job to recruit the boys as well as to provide for the camp program.

This district (which meets monthly) held a "ladies' night" in the November rally and is considering the holding of a similar night every four months. Treasurer Jack Triplett, to whom we owe this report, also forwarded $85 toward the state budget, bringing the total for the year to $96. Though these Southwestern Ninety and Niners comprise one of our smaller groups, they have set a good example in keeping ahead of schedule in their offerings. Our hats are off to them.

(NOTE—The tragic death of Liston Parrish, former Coquille pastor and teacher in the Bridge Boys' Camp, is noted elsewhere in the columns of this paper. Every member of the Ninety and Nine joins in an expression of sympathy to his loved ones.)

N. W. Directors Organize

The Directors of the Northwest District elected in the November rally met December 15 at the home of Earl Noble and organized as follows: Bruce Saunders and Floyd Shaw, of St. Johns, chairman and vice-chairman, respectively; Orrin Fraley, of Englewood, secretary; Cecil Bacus and W. J. Brooks, of Sellwood, treasurer and pastor-adviser, respectively; Lloyd Arnett and Oscar Howlett, of Kern Park, evangelsitic chairman and asistant program chairman, respectively; Wm. Fishback, of Hillsboro, asistant evangelisitc charman. G. H. Harvey, of Milwaukie, publicity chairman; L. S. Rice, of Central Christian, assistant publicty chairman; and Earl Noble, of Mallory Avenue, assistant secretary.

Willamette Meets

The December rally of the Willamette District was held in the Salem First Christian Church December 29. A turkey banquet was served by the men of the church and they did a fine job of it. Following the banquet the program in the church sanctuary was opened with a song service led by Johnny Schmidt, accompanied by Mrs. Lois Schmidt at the organ. Fred Bates, of the host church, sang a solo followed by a prayer given by Mr. Harden, of Lebanon. Program chairman Errett Woods introduced Mr. Jesse Goodheart, assistant pastor of Salem First, who gave the welcome address. Mr. Peter Larsen, also of Salem, sang a solo. The business session followed with President Abe Friesen and Secretary Chet Lee in charge. Clyde Freeman and your reporter spoke regarding evangelistic efforts over the state and John Jordan, district evangelistic chairman, outlined a very good plan for mapping the entire district with a view to evangelistic opportunities for the Ninety and Nine.

A motion carried to send a message of sympathy to the family of Liston Parrish, formerly a member of the Salem First Church. The invitation of the Turner church was accepted for the February rally. The recommendation of the budget committee was accepted for a budget of $2,300 for the fiscal year. Roll call showed 115 men present. Kenneth Johnston, minister of the Dallas Church, was presented as the guest speaker and gave a "man's challenge" from the example of Joseph, a servant of God who was "discreet and wise" in his service. S. B. Holt, district treasurer, was prevented from attending by illness, but sent in his usual fine mimeographed financial report showing $420 forwarded for the state budget. Undoubtedly the rally offering will substantially boost this figure.

Boys' Workers to Meet

Ike Bartel, state vice-president and chairman of Boys' Work, has called a meeting of 1947 Boys', Camp workers to be held at N. C. C. on the afternoon of January 20, opening night of the Preachers' Parliament. Additional notice will be sent to most of the camp workers, but N. C. C. students and others who desre to help in the 1948 camps are invited to be present. The meeting will be held at 4 p. m., following the chapel service.

Tragedy Stalks Thrice

Early in December Jimmie Jones, pastor at Halsey had the misfortune to break both legs in an accident in the woods. He was incapacitated for logging operations, but even a broken leg could not keep him from the pulpit very long. He was soon preaching from a wheel chair.

Dick Owens, N. C. C. student and pastor at Molalla, became ill in December and it was two weeks before the doctors discovered what was really the matter—the dread polio. He is now in the veterans hospital, partially paralyzed and delirious at times.

Mrs. D. E. Baxter, Ashland, had the misfortune of breaking both ankles on December 8. She is doing nicely and will recover completely. May we not have a state-wide prayer ascend in behalf of all these friends?

OAKLAND

The state secretary spent Sunday, December 21, with this church. Hugh Foster is the pastor. A splendid Christmas program was given on Sunday night at the close of which the invitation was given and one was added by statement. There are signs of progress.

VERNONIA—Ray Aplet resigned as pastor and has gone to Aberdeen, Washington. We regret to lose him from Oregon, but we commend him there.

New P-M Pack

This is a packet of materials for the Sunday evening meetings of the teen-age goup. There is material for 39 sessions, and they may be used in any order desired. Each session is built around a theme of vital interest. Set No. 1 is now out; set No. 2 will be ready by September next. Price is $2.00. Send to Christian Board of Publication for a set.

Evangelistic Materials

A packet of evangelistic materials has been sent to every church. There is good stuff in it. If by any chance you did not get one, or can use another, we have a few packets in the state office. Write for it.

Another Good Deed

Aunty Brooks, member of First Church in Salem made a will leaving her estate to the Junior Department of the church. $116.14 was the "widow's mite" and it will be worthily used. Go thou and do likewise!

Monza Lee Naff

Santa Claus was exceedingly good to Walter and Rosemary Naff, pastors at Redmond. He brought a sweet little baby girl, and brought her a bit early so the advent wouldn't interfere with Christmas festivities. Congratulations!

DALLAS

The state secretary visited this church December 14, bringing the morning message. The church, in business session, voted to adopt the Crusade goals. Kenneth Johnstone, pastor, is very happy in this work.

PHOENIX

B. Ross Evans, state evangelist, closed a meeting on December 21 with 12 confessions and 1 reconsecration. Everett McGee, Ashland, is pastor. Brother Evans' next meeting is at Turner.

POWELL BUTTE

"The offering for Beaverton Home on Christmas Sunday was $35. The church now has clear title to its property and will build in the near future. The spirit of the God's Acre project is still on. Recently another $500 gift came in. We now have $6,500 toward the building. D. L. Penhollow, pastor." (This is another outstanding work in Oregon.—Ed.)

CENTRAL POINT

"The Evans and Hendershott meeting was fine (3 baptisms, 4 statements, 5 life work recruits.) The whole spirit was lifted by the sermons and Christ centered singing of Brother Bob. I hope the churches of Oregon will keep him busy. My Board has given me permission to hold a meeting in the spring.—L. H. Camp, pastor." (We are glad to commend Brother Camp.—Ed.)

CORBETT

The young people took the evening service on December 1. There was one reconsecration on December 28. On that day a consecration and installation service for the officers of the intermediate and senior societies was held, Elery Parrish bringing a message on "Christian Knights." The church made a white gifts offering for Beaverton Home. Walter Barnes, pastor.

The Women are Crusading

By Muriel D. Jordan

Semi-annual reports are coming in from the various women's missionary organizations, Councils and Guilds over the state, and almost without exception, the suggested Crusade goals were accepted or raised and progress is noted toward the goal. The following paragraph appeared in the current issue of "Guideposts for Service" sheet anent the Crusade: "We are starting the second half of the first Active Crusade year. By now most of us have made up our minds whether the Crusade is 'ours' or 'Theirs.' If it is 'theirs' we have no responsibility although we'll probably assume that of critic wondering why they do that and when They'll realize that people can't be changed, how do we think we can give them more than we are giving now and so on ad infinitum. But if the Crusade is 'ours,' we don't sit back and criticize but get in and work. True, there may be methods and progams that we don't understand, but if so, we won't withdraw but will work the harder to improve or even change them. It is our Crusade and we want to give it our best.

"But we realize that it must be more than our Crusade or it won't be successful. It must be Christ's Crusade. He wants to build a Christian world. He wants all people everywhere to have the abundant life. So it is His Crusade and it is ours inasmuch as we lay our plans and do our work under His guidance.

"The first rule and practice for a Crusader, then, is prayer. Individual prayers, group prayers, a fellowship of prayer. Many individuals and groups are joining the group at Missions Building in a prayer fellowship. 5:05 p. m. on Wednesdays is the time set for this period of prayer and inspiration. Let's make it the heart of the Crusade by every one sharing in it—binding the Crusade about the feet of God, to paraphrase Tennyson."

China News-Letter

Margaret Cherryhomes has joined her husband in Chuhaien, China, and they will soon be settled in their new home which is the Osgood house rebuilt from its foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Glen Adsit are also in residence here. Missionaries and Chinese have given them a hearty welcome.

Intoducing them in Chuhaien upon their arrival, Pastor Cheo Yu-Wen said: "For 20 years we have prayed for missionaries Sometimes we grew discouraged as the years came and went and no missionaries were appointed here, but we never ceased praying for them. With the arrival of these four young people who have come to live among us and help us, our hearts are full to overflowing. Our prayers have been answered."

Takhatpur, India

Ray and Merle Rice, missionaries under U. C. M. S. stationed at Takhatpur, India, wrote the following lines about their work in the school:

"Our work is proving interesting and challenging. Our principal assignment is a boys' boarding home and a primary and middle school in a village about four miles from Takhatpur. The boys come mostly from villages of this area where there are no schools. Many of them come from families who have recently become Christian. We have the responsibility of helping them learn what it means to be a Christian and to surround them with an environment as nearly Christian as possible in home and school life. Our budget called for not more than 70 boys, but we have 103. We just could not deny any of them the opportunity for an education and for Christian teaching.

"The day school is attended by not only the 103 boarding boys, but by Christian and Hindu children of surrounding villages. There are about 250 altogether. Some of the sections have no place to meet except on the school veranda. Crowded conditions in both school and boarding home are crying out for larger quarters and better equipment. The Crusade for a Christian World calls for a new school, a boarding home, and a bungalow for the missionary supervisors." —Ray and Merle Rice.

Hofei, China

Dr. D. S. Corpron, missionary under U. C. M. S. in Hofei, China, sends good news for which we have long been waiting: "A 100-bed navy hospital unti and 131 cases of equipment have been delivered at our gate. The beds are only canvas cots with frames and mosquito nets; the chairs are canvas bottomed folding stools; the tables are folding card tables; the cupboards and cabinets are packing box trunks with shelves; but all are usable and will give good service until more substantial ones are available. The unit included a fine assortment of general surgical instruments, drugs, blankets, sheets, gauze autol glaves, splints, and electrical examining instruments—enough to make the heart of a doctor really glad.

"Already we have set up 15 private rooms and four wards of 12 beds each. For the first time our wards are not only properly screened, but each bed has its mosquito net! Our staff lacks but a few doctors and nurses of being adequate. Our kitchen is turning out good meals. Full rehabilitation is in sight. Now that the repair work on the building is nearly completed, with these tons of drugs and other supplies on hand, we can tackle anything that comes along. It is a real satisfaction to have a 100 percent Christian staff, 95 percent of whom are tithers in the church."—Dr. D. S. Corpron, Hofei, China.

Misses Eva Marie Johnson, of Eugene, Oregon, and Ann Parry and Verna Deanne Schmid, of Los Angeles, were accepted as missionary volunteers by trustees of the United Society at its last session.

Miss Goldie Wells and Miss Myrle Ward, both missionaries to the Belgian Congo, are returning home on account of ill health. Miss Gertrude Shoemaker has been transferred from her station at Mondombe to the Congolese Christian Institute at Bolenge. News of the change and of her new surroundings was contained in an interesting Christmas letter to her parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Shoemaker, of Salem, Oregon.

Among the missionaries departing for their work in Congo are: Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith and two sons; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boyer; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Witmer. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith are leaving soon for China; Miss Edna Clare Walden; Miss Neva Nicholson and Mr. and Mrs. Church Smiley are en route to their stations in India; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Allen will retun to Jamaica; Mr. and Mrs. William G. Smedley expect to leave early in January for Paraguay.

Let's make 1948 a Crusading Year!

Direct Support Mission News

By J. Fank Cunningham

In his paper, "The Korean Messenger," John T. Chase writes: "One of the best things we have heard recently is the news of the recovery of Mrs. Hill. She was very critically ill and now it appears that recovery will be complete. We have been depending greatly on this fine family as we have planned the future work in Korea. Thanks be to God for her recovery." Mrs. John J. Hill, who with her husband served in Korea with the Chases before the war, was in the hospital for ten weeks with virus pneumonia, complicated by an earlier case of rheumatic fever. Brother Hill says: "There seems to be nothing now about her health which would prevent her from returning to the mission field with the rest of the family . . Though affairs in Korea now look none too good, so far as Russian-American relations are concerned, we are expectantly planning to return to that field which we left through necessity in 1940, as soon as seems advisable. It does not seem possible as yet to take childen of missionaries into Korea where conditions are worse than in Japan."

I wish it were possible to put into the hands of all who read this paper the entire news-letter, sent just recently from Kunming, China, by Jane Kinnett. Just one brief quotation: "Because of the work here in Kunming 14 more souls have been won to the Lord this year. Six were baptized last Sunday. Oh, we do pray that their tribe may increase and their witness exalt the Saviour!"

Russell Morse Says

Speaking of this work which is associated with that of the Morses and their helpers farther up on the Burma-China-Tibetan border, Russell Morse says in a recent article in the Christian Standard: "Although the Morses baptized only two converts during their first year at Yea Chi on the Mekong River, eight penitent believers have already been baptized in the first year of this new station at Kunming." (Evidently he had not had Jane Kinnett's latest report. J. F. C.) Continuing, Mr. Morse says: "The amazing development of the "Tibetan-Lisuland Churches of Christ" under the mighty hand of the living God, through 20 years of wars, revolutions, financial crashes, floods, famines, pestilences, Communist troubles, and a great deal more beyond description—until today there are more than 7,000 Christians fellowshipping in 67 congregations — what is this but a demonstration that we today can stand and go forward upon the promises of our risen Saviour?"

Associated in this Yunnan-Tibetan Christian Mission are J. Russell Gertrude, Eugene, Robert and LaVerne Morse, now on furlough, and Isabelle Dittemore, Dorothy Sterling, David and Lois Rees and Jane Kinnett, now on the field, and Imogene Williams and Lora Banks, recruits.

Student Activity

We received a card from Robert Kuykendall, student body president at N. C. C., telling of a banquet for Direct Support missionaries which was held at Fairmount Church in Eugene, November 25. This card came just too late to get the news in our last column. Harlan Woodruff, missionary to Okinawa, was the guest speaker and Robert Kuykendall was toastmaster. There were about 80 present.

Edwin F. Beaudreau, who is said to have been the first student to enroll in the old Eugene Divinity School, later Eugene Bible University and now Northwestern Christian College, has retired at the age of 80, after 50 years in the ministy. He is now living at the Turner Memorial Home.

Alaska

The missionary work at Fairbanks, Ali B. Jarman, minister is now meeting in the basement unit of its new building. This gives space to "accommodate the increasing crowds." Though not completely finished it is usable, and "both men and women of the church have been working nights to further the work." The church there is setting things in order by setting aside a period of two or three months, beginning November 2, 1947, for the establishment of a Charter Membership Roll, after which elders and deacons will be elected.

We note that Mr. and Mrs. Berl Thomas have closed their work among the Japanese Americans at Gunnison, Utah, because so many of "the young people of Japanese extraction" have moved away.

Personals

A report from Harry Chapin relative to his missionary activities at Carson City, Nevada, says: "At the annual church meeting in October the church elected its first elders and deacons. During the year attendance averaged 42; nine were added to the church; five young people attended Christian Service Camp; the Week-Day Church School was carried on at Coleville where 57 children enjoy the Bible studies.

Harlan and Emeline Woodruff plan to spend the next two or three months touring the country in the interest of the mission they will be establishing on the Island of Okinawa.

Luke D. Elliott reports at least 1,110 responses to the Gospel invitation in 1947 through the efforts of the Jamaica Christian Mission, not counting "the members of five Baptist Churches that were won to New Testament Christianity and who had been previously scripturally baptized."

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sanders hope to sail in February for the opening of their work in Brazil. We note this item in the SPOTLITE, the news sheet of their work, the Brazilian Christian Missions: "Passage on the GOOD NEIGHBOR FLEET has been requested and they have given consideration to our sailing in February. Application has been made for passports and the Brazilian Consulate has assured us of visas for entrance into Brazil." Correspondence, or contributions for this work, should be sent to the forwarding agent, William A. Cook, Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Melvert Byers expects to sail from San Francisco for China about January 30. He expects to work with Harold Taylor "in laying the groundwork for the Yunnan Chinese Christian Mission." Later, he "may go deeper into these fields white unto the harvest."

PENDLETON

There were 8 additions in a 10 day meeting with 4 nights of visitation. Gene Robinson, of La Grande, led the campaign. The church has installed a set of chimes, a carillon of 32, with tower amplification. They were dedicated to Al and Nancy Carden. O. D. Harris, pastor.